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Splendid Defence
Mr. Chamberlain Sweeps Away Charges Made Against His Character.
The Attacks Against Him He Says Are Monstrous and Absurd.
Address to the Throne Is Carried by Overwhelming Majority.

London, Dec. 10.—After some dissuasive discussion, Mr. Joseph Walton, Radical, withdrew his amendment to the address offered Friday, regarding the safeguarding of interests in China, and Mr. Bartley moved an amendment to the address, asking the house to express regret at the fact that Lord Salisbury had recommended so many of his own family to offices under the government.
One-fifth of the cabinet members, Mr. Bartley said, were members of the same family. Sons would obey their fathers and sons-in-law and nephews would yield to the same influences. Such conditions precluded an independent inquiry into the army failures in Africa, and were calculated to impair gravely the efficiency of the public service and diminish the chances of reform in the system of national defence. The same canker work of nepotism had entered the army and navy, and it was the general opinion that many of the disasters in South Africa were traceable to officers who had obtained their commissions by family influences.
When the Premier's nephew rose to reply, the house was filled with expectation. Mr. A. J. Balfour said the unhappy accident of birth ought not to be a bar to the public service. There was only one member of Lord Salisbury's family in the present government, who was not in the last. Mr. Bartley, he added, had not shown that the appointments complained of were incapable, while the country, at the recent election, had shown confidence that the Premier would carry out with ability and integrity his thankless, heart-breaking task. The amendment was lost by a vote of 230 to 128.
Mr. Lloyd George, Radical member for Carnarvon district, brought together a series of accusations against Mr. Chamberlain, that had been figuring in the newspapers, and moved that no member of the government ought to have a direct or indirect interest in the concerns competing for government contracts. He pointed out that the Secretary of State for the Colonies held 5,000 shares, and other members of his family 67,000 shares, in the Birmingham trust, which in turn was a share owner in the Tubes Limited, making £10,000 a year out of government contracts. He asserted also that Mr. Chamberlain and his relations held shares worth from £230,000 to £250,000 in Elliott's Metal Company, contractors to the admiralty, and shares valued at £2,500,000 in Kinlock's Dynamite Company, contractors to the war office. After enumerating other companies in which the Chamberlain family, he asserted, had interests, Mr. George declared that he was not attacking the private character of the ministers, but had raised the matter because "this case might be used as a precedent later to justify corruption."
After various speeches for and against the resolution, Mr. Chamberlain replied: "It is my personal honor that is involved in this question," he said, "and I think it hard, after twenty-five years in the full light of parliament, to have to stand up and explain that I am not a scandalous thief. These attacks are monstrous and absurd. I took no action with charges during the elections, although there had been a conspiracy of insinuation. I had been charged with fattening on the profits of a war I had provoked."
"Of all the companies mentioned, I hold shares in two. My relations intend to take legal proceedings, and the public will see how these abominable charges will be dealt with by the courts. My relations are all business men and have had to make their own fortunes. I come of a family which boasts nothing of distinguished birth or inherited wealth, but had an unbroken record for nearly two centuries of unstained commercial integrity. Never during the whole course of my political career have I been asked to use my influence to secure pecuniary gain for myself or my relations."
Proceeding to explain his connection with the two companies, Mr. Chamberlain said he had joined the Colombo Company 23 years ago. Its shares had never been quoted on the stock exchange. The contract to build houses for Boer prisoners in Ceylon was given to the Colombo Company on the responsibility of the local government.

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without any communication with himself.
So far as the Birmingham Trust was concerned, he said he knew nothing whatever of its investments, although he had recently ascertained that there was a trifling investment in the Tubes Limited, since his brother managed the business of the organization, but the company's already small business with the admiralty had largely decreased. After having made further explanations of a similar kind, Mr. Chamberlain exclaimed, amid ministerial cheers: "Is it not hard to have to deal with such rubbish as this? When all is reckoned up, perhaps my indirect interests in government contracts is a few pounds or even shillings; and yet the House of Commons is called upon to pass a solemn resolution which will not strike me, but would be a self-denying ordinance for many members who do not anticipate that result."
In an eloquent peroration the Colonial Secretary declared that the attacks had not injured him, but had given pain to a number of private individuals. Those who had made them, he asserted, had introduced into public life unworthy methods, and had made it more difficult for honorable and sensitive men to serve the country. He was loudly cheered as he resumed his seat.
His son, Mr. J. Austin Chamberlain, financial secretary to the treasury department, followed with a similar denial; Mr. R. B. Haldane, Radical, member for Huddersfield, and others spoke, after which Mr. Lloyd George's motion, which was offered as an amendment to the address, was rejected by a vote of 269 to 127.
Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, government leader, then moved the closure, which was carried by 253 votes against 106, and the address to the throne was adopted by 265 votes against 23.

Wants Sole Control of Canal
Mr. Money Wishes to Disregard the Obligations to Great Britain.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The senate spent five hours to-day in executive session, considering the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. There were five or six speeches made, some of them by senators who had not spoken hitherto upon the treaty, and others by senators who had expressed themselves. Among the latter was Senator Morgan, who returned to his former speech, elaborating somewhat his position—as to the effect of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. He took issue with Senator Teller as to the purpose of the first clause of that treaty, claiming that it applied only to Great Britain's right to fortify the Nicaragua canal itself.
Senator Teller replied at some length, asserting that the provision was of more than general importance, as, he said, anyone could ascertain for himself by reading President Buchanan's views on the subject when he was minister to Great Britain. The declaration then made showed plainly, he said, that Great Britain had attempted to extend her rights beyond the immediate vicinity of the canal. Mr. Teller then proceeded to enunciate his views upon the general subject, repeating his declaration that the United States should construct the canal if at all regardless of Britain's position and without going through the formality of ratifying the pending treaty.
During the day speeches were made by Senators Money, Stewart, Frye, and Aldrich. Senator Money, who was the first to speak, announced that he was for the treaty without amendment, and Senator Money that he was against the treaty in any form. There should be new conventions between the United States and both Nicaragua and Costa Rica, giving absolute control of the waterway to this country. He wanted no partnership with any country in ownership or management of the canal when built.
The possibility of Secretary Hay resigning in case the foreign relations committee amendment to the treaty should prevail, having been alluded to, Senator Frye said he was in a position to make official denial of that report. The Secretary had no such intention. Mr. Frye announced himself as favorable to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. He said that, deny the effect of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty as much as we may, it still is on the international records of this country, and is given more or less recognition by every administration that has been in power since its signing. He wanted with the question of the construction of the Isthmian canal.
Senator Chandler asked Senator Frye to make Secretary Hay's position with reference to resigning public, but the Maine senator declined, saying he was only authorized to make the announcement to the senate. Senator Chandler retorted that that was equivalent to giving it to the public, and the senate then lapsed into a discussion of the ways in which the executive secrets get into the newspapers.

THE NORTH POLE.
Several Expeditions Now Outfitting For the Arctic.
London, Dec. 10.—Mr. Evelyn Baldwin, of the United States weather bureau, who is preparing an expedition in search of the north pole, has arrived here to consult with scientists among the famous Russian ice-cracker Brannich, which is to attempt to reach the north pole in 1901, under the command of Vice-Admiral Makaroff of the imperial Russian navy, is now being fitted out at Newcastle for the expedition; and Capt. Bernier, the Canadian explorer, is busy in London fitting out the Scottish King. He will appear before the Royal Geographical Society and outline his plans. What with these expeditions and the German expedition, the year 1901 promises to be eventful in the history of searches for the north pole.

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Going to Australia
Announced in Cabinet Meeting That Sir Wilfrid Will Represent Canada.
Will Be Unable to Attend Ceremonies of Commonwealth Inauguration.
But Will Take Part in Opening of the First Parliament.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, Dec. 10.—At to-day's meeting of the cabinet the Premier announced that the first parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia would assemble at Melbourne on May 1, and there was a strong desire that Canada should be represented at the function. The Imperial authorities as well as the Australians were anxious to have the presence of Sir Wilfrid on this occasion, and the cabinet ministers had practically settled that their colleague should go.
This announcement confirms the report sent out a few days ago, but which was denied by government organs at the time.
The inauguration of the Commonwealth is to take place with appropriate ceremonies on the 1st of January, but the big celebration will be on May 1, when the Duke and Duchess of York will be present.
The Dominion parliament will be called together early, and it is fully expected that business will be so advanced by April 1 as to enable Sir Wilfrid to leave.

TROUBLE IN RUSSIA.
Students Resent Production of an Anti-Jewish Play.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 10.—The scandal caused by the demonstration on Thursday evening last on the first production of the anti-Jewish play entitled "The Contraband," during which the actors were pelted, personal conflicts occurred and the performance had to be stopped, is still the subject of discussion here, and the attempt to start a student agitation, the university sympathizing with the demonstration. One hundred students signed a statement that they participated in the riot. About 400 students met Saturday, and, after listening to some fiery speeches, condemned M. Suborin, editor of the Novoe Vremya, for his activity in the attempt to launch the anti-Semitic play, the theatre manager, the police and others. The police on Thursday night released all the prisoners (about 50) arrested during the disturbance, and no prosecutions have yet been announced. After the students' meeting it became known that the minister of the interior had sent out a circular to newspapers forbidding further allusion to the scandal. The authors of the play which was called "The Children of Israel," printed two years ago, and which led to a similar demonstration at Odessa, have relinquished their efforts to produce it.

MR. BATE TO RUN.
Will Again Be a Candidate For Mayoralty of Nanaimo.
Nanaimo, Dec. 10.—(Special)—Mayor Bate announced his intention to-night to be a candidate in the approaching mayoralty contest. Aldermen Mansors and Cocking are also candidates.
Yung Ning fell 100 feet into Millstream ravine off the railway trestle bridge this morning, dislocating his hip.
John Buckle, aged 16, residing at Wellington, played with an explosive cap yesterday. It exploded, blowing four fingers off his right hand.
C. H. Barker sustained a broken ankle while deer hunting at Nanaimo yesterday afternoon. He crawled five miles through the woods, with the help of his rifle, to reach help, taking six hours.
The Alexandria mines, which closed down yesterday owing to a misunderstanding between the men and Superintendent Paulds, will probably re-open in a day or two. The men are submitting a statement of their case to Mr. Dunsmuir. It concerns certain payments heretofore allowed to which Mr. Paulds objects.
It is rumored that the Nanaimo Herald, at present issued twice a week, is to be changed into a morning daily at an early date. The matter is now under consideration by the shareholders, many of whom are strongly favorable to the project. This will be the first attempt to run a daily newspaper in opposition to the Free Press since the ill-fated Telegram went to smash under the management of the ill-fated W. H. Gallagher, who died recently in Honolulu.
The Nanaimo and District Agricultural Society have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, J. Booth; vice-president, E. Cook; secretary, R. Malpass; treasurer, George Norris; directors, J. Stewart, R. Jarvis, C. E. Stevens, J. Seale, T. Cochrane, J. Leonard, J. Randle Jr., W. Stenhouse. The district vice-presidents are: J. Thomas, Cedar-Granberry; H. Peterson, Gabriola; H. Bonsall, Chemainus and vicinity; M. Hilbert, Five-Acre Lots; T. Blood Sr., Wellington; R. C. Wilgress and C. E. Barnes, Nanaimo city.

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BRITAIN'S WELCOME.

The First Contingent will leave Liverpool to-day for home. The manner in which they were greeted by the people of England, from Her Majesty down to the crowd upon the streets, has been most cordial, and testifies better than can be expressed in words to the appreciation in which their services to the Empire are held. There has been nothing finer than this in the history of the Empire, except the way the boys volunteered and the way they fought for Queen and country. The cheers of the London crowds will be heard all over the world. They show that the unity of the Empire is an accomplished fact, and as such is welcomed in the Empire's heart.

The days in London and elsewhere in England must have been proud ones for the Royal Canadians. They must have felt as few men from the Colonies ever felt before, that they were partners in an especial degree in the greatness of Britain and in an especial manner representative of the Imperial idea. Many of them, perhaps the majority, never saw the shores of Britain until they went there as the nation's guests. Many of them are sprung from families which have resided so long in what is now Canada that they cannot name an individual in the whole United Kingdom who is of their blood. Doubtless in the ranks of the men, who yesterday marched amid

horses and other demonstrations through London streets, were descendants of those who nearly three hundred years ago crossed the Atlantic to seek in America a degree of liberty, which they could not find at home. It is a wonderful thing that after nearly three centuries from the date of their forefathers' voluntary exile, representatives of the youth of Canada should visit Britain after fighting for the Empire in distant South Africa. The British Empire is unique, but in nothing more than in this.

Canada should give her returning heroes no less a welcome than the Mother Land extended. We are all proud of them. No soldiers ever did their duty better. From the day, when they offered their services to defend the principles which the flag represents, to the present they have been everything of which Canada should feel proud. The welcome they received in Britain appeals to us all. It was meant not only for the brave boys themselves, but for the country which sent them forth.

LUMBER EXPORTS.

One of the arguments made by the Colonist for the railway by-law was that lumber could be shipped from Vancouver Island to Mainland points as soon as a means of ferrying loaded cars was provided. To this some people very loudly objected, and we were told that we were talking all manner of nonsense. To-day we learn that the Victoria Lumber Company, operating at Chemainus, is about preparing extensively for this very business. The ferry transfer between the E. & N. railway and the C. P. R. has influenced them to put in a plant for the utilization of a large amount of lumber that has hitherto been burned, and also for the manufacture of shingles. It is said that the plant will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. This will give employment to more men, besides utilizing a lot of material that has heretofore been only in the way. Doubtless, after the railway ferry is established to connect with the Great Northern and is extended across the mountains to the Boundary district, a portion of the output of this mill will come down over the E. & N. and be shipped eastward from Victoria.

This is only the beginning of the advantages which Vancouver Island will derive from rail connection with the Mainland. Our opinion on the subject is, that no man is sufficiently far-seeing to form any adequate estimate of the good which will flow from it. We have on this Island very much that the Mainland wants, and all we need is the best available means of getting it there to have our prosperity greatly enhanced. Some persons may ask why all lumber

cannot be sent from the Island to the Mainland on scows and be loaded on the cars afterwards. The answer is, that it is necessary to dry certain kinds of lumber before it is shipped in closed cars for a long haul. The railways charge by weight, and wet lumber weighs very much more than dry. Hence shingles and other material intended to be shipped in closed cars is kiln dried. In such a condition it must not be exposed to rain, for it will soon absorb all the water that has been taken out of it. When it comes from the kiln it must go into the car, and it must stay in the car until it reaches its destination.

CRAIGFLOWER ROAD.

Referring again to the Craigflower Road, we may mention that the article in Sunday's issue was only intended to deal with one aspect of the case, namely, the general line of action which the City Council ought to follow. Nothing was said in regard to the merits of the claim made by certain persons for compensation. It is quite possible that they may have a perfectly valid claim, and that the government is bound in law as well as in equity to recognize the claim and pay what is reasonable. We cannot very well express any opinion on this point, but the facts may be stated. The deed from the Hudson's Bay Company to Mr. Russell, which is the foundation of all the titles in that particular tract, shows a road running across certain parts of the property, which is now subdivided into lots. There is on the plan a statement that a certain area is exempt from the deed for roads. Whatever right the Hudson's Bay Company retained by that reservation passed to the government on the extinguishment of the Company's title. Later the tract was platted, and it is claimed that the government had notice of the platting, and accepted it. By that platting the road was disregarded and certain streets were substituted, which gave to public uses a greater quantity of land than was reserved in the road. It is claimed that the government recognized this platting and substitution by taxing the lots as shown upon the plat and selling some of them at tax sales. This, it is claimed, must be taken to be recognition by the crown of the substitution of the streets for the road. This is what we had in mind in Sunday's paper, when we said there was a mixed question of fact and law involved in the claim of the lot owners. Under this state of facts it seems as if the government may be liable to make the claimants good for any loss which they may sustain through the opening of the road. In saying this, we do not wish to be understood as prejudging the case which may finally be presented to the government, but it is only right that the public should know that the lot-owners are not setting up merely a straw-claim, but that their case is entitled to investigation on its merits.

MR. GARDEN'S SEAT.

Why do not people read the law before raising alleged legal questions? It is alleged in Vancouver by some people that Mr. Garden is still a member of the legislature, because his resignation has not been accepted. Mr. Garden is also reported to have said that he is not a party to any arrangement for the non-acceptance of his resignation. The resignation of a member of the legislature does not have to be accepted. If a member of the legislature wishes to vacate his seat during the session of the House, he may rise in his place and say so, and the moment the Clerk enters the notice on the Journals the person giving it ceases to be a member. If the House is not in session, or during the session if the member prefers it, he may execute a declaration of his intention to resign under his hand and seal before two witnesses, and send it to the Speaker, and the moment it reaches the Speaker the seat becomes vacant. The Constitution Act reads as follows: "And the member so tendering his resignation shall be held to have vacated his seat and cease to be a member of the Assembly." Nothing can be plainer than this. If Mr. Garden made "a declaration of his intention to resign his seat in writing under his hand and seal before two witnesses and caused it to be addressed and delivered to the Speaker," he ceased ipso facto to be a member of the Assembly, and there is no power in the land which, by arrangement or otherwise, can get rid of the effect of the notice. Observe that under the law the seat is made vacant by the tendering of the notice. Under these circumstances it is hardly worth while discussing what Mr. Garden intends or does not intend to do. We feel very sure of this, namely, that if anything was omitted to be done by Mr. Garden, which he ought to have done in order to entitle him to claim that he had vacated his seat and become eligible for nomination to the House of Commons, he is not the sort of man to take advantage of it by claiming to be entitled to the seat which he intended to resign. Mr. Garden is a very different type of man to that.

BUTTER-MAKING.

Some time ago the Colonist printed a description of the Darlington Dairy, and the obvious lesson from it was that perfect cleanliness is absolutely essential for the production of high-class butter. The Los Angeles Cultivator republishes the article and says that two classes of men will read it. One is composed of those who will call it nonsense and of no practical value; the other will lay the lesson of cleanliness to heart. With the view of showing that the dairy described was not merely a toy, we may add that the proprietor, Mr. Darling, of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, claimed that it was a business proposition, and he refused to admit that what he did could

not be accomplished by any other man. He said to the writer that his neighbor, Mr. Havemeyer, went in for fancy dairying, but he himself only wanted to establish an object lesson that any farmer might copy. And there really was nothing about the establishment, except, perhaps, the water motor, which turned the churn, and the peculiarly constructed ice-house, which could not be reproduced on any farm. The peculiarity about the ice-house was due to the object aimed at being to secure cisterns of ice-cold water in which to immerse the creamers, and the necessity of using poor ice for that purpose. The essential feature of the dairy was cleanliness. The cattle were allowed to run in pasture; they drank spring water; they were milked in a clean barn; and the butter was made in a perfectly clean dairy. All these things are obtainable anywhere. It did not cost any more to make the butter than it would to have made an inferior article, except so far as the additional cost entailed by keeping the barn clean went. Doubtless the old lady who made the butter was skillful, but she was chosen for her position, not because she was a high-priced person, but because she always used to make good butter on her own place. So we may say to one of the classes of people, of whom the Cultivator speaks, that the only special feature about the Darlington Dairy was the butter-maker's knowledge of her business, and almost any intelligent person can learn to make good butter. The trouble with most people is that they do not know what good butter is.

The czar is not at home to Mr. Kruger.

Devot appears to have been cornered at last. He will fight bravely before he gives up. He may yet give a lot of trouble.

To Mr. Fred. Peters: Greeting:—There is a vacancy on the "force" whenever you feel inclined to change your occupation.

Atlin was disfranchised at the Burrard election by the failure of the ballot boxes to reach there in time. If they had got there, the result would not have been altered to any material degree.

If the government asks the House of Commons to vote Col. Otter \$20,000, in recognition of his services to South Africa, the only wish of the public will be that it might be made more. He has done his duty well and deserves recognition.

The most remarkable election ever held was that in Yale-Cariboo. The returns from the several polling places are wholly irreconcilable. A few of them are susceptible of explanation, but why some polls went one way and the adjoining ones another in the curiously mixed fashion that prevailed is beyond elucidation.

There is nothing at all unlikely in the report that the government proposes to increase the number of Senators by six under the provisions of the British North America Act. If this is done, it will give the Liberals something very close to a majority in that body. Nine appointments were made during the last two years; there is a seat now vacant, and this, with the six new Senators, would make sixteen to be added to the original Liberal contingent.

Among the old-established financial institutions of Canada no company holds a higher place in public estimation or is more deservedly popular than The Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada (formerly called The Ontario Mutual Life). In a recent issue of the Economist, a table is published, showing the interest earned by life companies in Canada, and the highest average was made by the Mutual Life of Canada. For years past the interest earnings alone of this company have more than paid all the death claims. The financial strength of the Mutual Life of Canada is shown by the fact that it already has all its business on the higher standard of reserve, which the government, under the new insurance act, will compel all companies to adopt ten years hence. This places the company in a very strong position and will enable it to pay handsome dividends to policy holders in the future, especially when it is remembered that in the Mutual Life of Canada all profits earned are paid to the policy holders alone. R. L. Drury, manager for British Columbia, is to be congratulated on the exceptionally high standing of his company.

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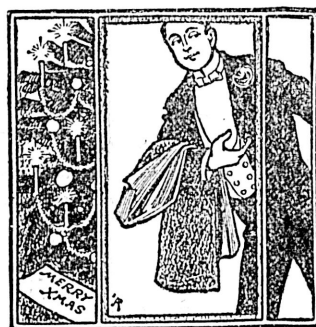
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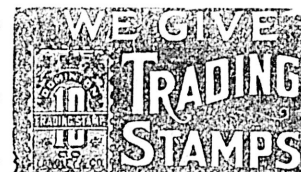
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8:10 a.m.	8.4 feet.	0.20 a.m.	2.8 feet.
1:00 a.m.	6.4 feet.	5:50 a.m.	8.3 feet.
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AUCTION SALES.—All Advertisements for Auction Sales will be found on Page 3.

Monthly Meeting.—The school board will hold their monthly meeting at the city hall to-morrow evening.

Hospital Directors.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Jubilee hospital will be held on Friday evening at the board of trade rooms.

Short List.—There are but three applications for transfers to come before the board of licensing commissioners, who hold their quarterly meeting to-morrow afternoon.

Good Roads.—A general meeting of the British Columbia Good Roads Association will be held in Victoria on December 18. All members and all persons desirous of becoming members of the association are invited to attend. The gates from all farmers' institutes, boards of trade and municipal councils are expected.

Houses Fumigated.—Three houses in which there had been diphtheria and scarlet fever were fumigated yesterday afternoon by Sanitary Inspector Wilson. All rubbish and debris were burned, and two formaldehyde machines were operated. The Malting family, who had been isolated in the hospital, formerly lived in one of the houses.

Last Rites.—On Sunday afternoon, at half-past two, the funeral of the late William Gowdy took place from No. 31 Rock Bay avenue, the family residence. High Rev. Bishop Croke conducted the services both at the house and the grave. A great many friends were present. The pall-bearers were: M. Hare, J. Walsh, R. Carter, A. McGregor, G. E. Smith and F. Gilchrist.

Cheminus Hospital.—The following donations to the Cheminus general hospital are acknowledged with thanks by the matron: Fruit, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Roberts and Mr. McDonald; jam, etc. (two dozen bottles), Okell & Morris Preserving Co.; flowers, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Spence; four games, T. N. Hibben & Co.; smoking jacket, Capt. Gibson; old linen, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Evans; ducks, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Humphreys; reading matter, Mr. Burchell (Victoria), Daily Colonist and Times, Duncan Enterprise and Nanaimo Herald.

Two Fires.—Early on Sunday morning the fire department had a run to the residence of Mr. Edward Hall on John street. The fire was in the woodshed and Mr. Hall lost a considerable amount of machinery. The damage is estimated at about \$100. Yesterday morning at 10:45 the firemen were called to the Osborne house, on the corner of Pandora and Blanchard streets. The chimney was on fire, but the blaze was extinguished before any damage was done. A defective flue was the cause of the fire. The firemen are subjected to some considerable annoyance through the carelessness of people not having their chimneys properly swept.

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Local Council of Women

Proceedings at the Annual Meeting Held at City Hall Yesterday.

Reports for the Year Read and Adopted—New Officers Elected.

The sixth annual meeting of the Local Council of Women was held in the council chamber of the city hall yesterday. Twenty-four societies were represented by four delegates from each. The morning session commenced at 10 o'clock with silent prayer and the reception of two new societies—the Ladies' Aid of the First Congregational church, and the Historic Society of Victoria. The following address was then read by the president, Miss Perrin:

Members of the Executive and Delegates of the Affiliated Societies of the Local Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver Island:

With the full programme before us today, a president's address of any length would be waste of time, and my inexperience and incapability in composing a series of such helpful thoughts as in former years have been delivered from this place, must be my excuse for saying only a few words this morning.

And, first, may I, in the name of the Local Council of Women, extend a welcome to the delegates from the affiliated societies, and express the hope that they may find the sixth annual meeting as profitable and encouraging as it has proved in past years.

The annual report will give us an account of the doings of the council during the last twelve months, and it is my intention only to touch on a few special features of our work. I feel I have only half the right to be in my present position, having only performed my duties for six months of the year, so may I here, at the outset, publicly thank Mrs. Gordon Grant for presiding at the last annual meeting, and also Miss Crescen for her kindness in taking my place during my absence in England, and for so faithfully carrying on the work at the same time keeping me informed of the doings of each meeting, and so making it easy for me to take up the reins on my return.

Of my time in England, this is not the place to speak, but I can only wish that all those who take any interest in the many organizations and departments of women's work, could have the same opportunity of seeing what is being done today in the Old Country, the time for questioning the use of the many societies and associations of women has gone by, and the organizations, many of them world-wide in their influence, that are managed entirely by women, while they have in no way interfered with home life, are acknowledged by everyone to be channels of usefulness and means of uplifting and strengthening and improving the social, moral and intellectual conditions of the world.

Centralization is the fundamental principle adopted by the Council of Women, but it cannot be too often impressed upon us all, that the success of the whole body depends upon the work of the individual.

"Then each of the many help to recruit."

The life of a race by an earnest place."

The great International Council of Women, with its representatives from 10 affiliated National Councils and 18 other countries of the world, coming down through the National Councils, to the Local Councils, and through each affiliated society to each individual member, should make that individual member feel an interest in, and do all in her power to learn about, the doings of every branch of an organization that is upholding and strengthening the many departments of social, philanthropic and educational work, which are thus represented. Here in Victoria, as everywhere, it seems so difficult to induce the individual members to enlarge their horizon, but in reality it is the best stimulus to individual effort to look out beyond our own tiny atmosphere, and see what others are doing, and to watch the progress and development of work all over the world. Although the subject is to be treated specially this afternoon, I cannot refrain from referring to the event of the year, in the coming of the National Council of Women of Canada to hold its seventh annual meeting in Victoria. We need of the acceptance of our offered invitation with not a little alarm, but we feel now, that the work of preparation, difficult and bewildering as it

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Local Council Of Women

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seemed, was amply repaid by the success of the meetings, and the accounts received from those who visited us make us quite sure that the time was enjoyed, and that the meetings themselves attained to their usual standard of excellence. Such a time should act as a stimulus to future work; if a little more spirit and enthusiasm could be put into what we do, and if the many, instead of the few, would take their share in the work, a great difference would soon be visible, both in the character and the amount of our undertakings.

This council should be the medium of imparting the doings of its many affiliated societies, not only at the annual meeting, but also at the time of the year, and the societies in their turn should be made acquainted from month to month with the special work undertaken by the council. If this is not done, it cannot be wondered at that the interest flags and members question the use of remaining as an affiliated society. Today we regret the withdrawal of two organizations, and I believe their dropping out is due to this very cause, that efficient interest is not aroused by those who are the active members of this executive. May I commend this thought to all presidents here today.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming today two new societies, the Ladies' Aid, First Congregational church, and the Historical Society of Victoria. The establishment of the latter is the outcome of the visit of Miss Fitz-Gibbon during the time of the annual meeting of the National Council. The aims and work cannot fail to be of interest, and the monthly meetings, under the presidency of Mrs. William Angus, are already thoroughly appreciated by a large number of members. We hope to hear more about this society at the meeting to-morrow evening.

Among the resolutions sent for consideration, we recognize some familiar faces; their presence on the agenda must not discourage us. Rome was not built in a day, and Victoria has not yet attained to such a state of perfection that she can see the wisdom of making necessary changes and improvements in order to protect and shield the weak, and de-

crease the many existing avenues to evil. There is still a need of securing the enforcement of present laws, as well as the enactment of new ones, and every time that a voice is raised in this direction, a forward step is made in the attainment of the end.

It is hoped that some discussion will take place on the resolution regarding the exhibition, that is to be held next year in Victoria, and the Shops act, which has lately been passed in the legislative assembly of this province. With regard to the latter, we are only asking that we keep up with what is being done in other cities; the question of a weekly half-holiday rests not only with the employers and employees—it must be supported by the customers, and by them, made practicable. No idea is contemplated of interference between employer and employee, only as the power is given for the passing of a municipal by-law to close stores during certain hours on a certain day, if two-thirds of any class of storekeepers ask for it. It is hoped that employers will agree to extend the same privileges as are given in nearly every city in the Old Country, and in many in our own Dominion.

The Women's Council is especially interested in stores where women and girls are employed, and it is to be hoped that a weekly half-holiday may before long become an accomplished fact.

We feel that we must have our share in congratulating the educational authorities on having secured the apparatus and means for supplying manual training for the boys in our city, but, as a body of women, we must feel that only half the work has been accomplished. Manual training for the boys has been generously provided from altogether an outside source; the city of Victoria will not be asked to bear any regular expense for some time to come, and, meanwhile, for the girls nothing has been done. We are all agreed that domestic science for them is as essential as manual training for the boys; and Prof. Robertson's delightful descriptions of the girls at work in the different departments of sewing, cooking, marketing and housekeeping, learning the "why" as well as the "how" a thing is done, must make us feel that now Victoria will be only half equipped. The accounts of the schools for domestic science in Ottawa, Hamilton and other Eastern cities make us inclined to ask: Why cannot the people of Victoria do for the girls what Sir William Macdonald, three thousand miles away, has done for the boys? In other places the Local Council of Women have collected the money and made it possible for the work to be started. Why cannot it be done by the Local Council of Victoria?

Lately we have been asked to help in securing statistics for the royal commission on Japanese and Chinese immigration. Although some may feel strongly on the subject, from a woman, from a housekeeper's point of view it is best with the initial difficulty—that of getting white labor—and this touches one of the subjects in which all local councils are interested—the immigration of women and girls from the Old Country. We have the situation; we have the advantages of good wages, and regular work to offer, but the right class of workers is not sent out in sufficient numbers for us to do without the help of foreign labor; the servant question is becoming one of the problems of the world; and while we are considering the question of help from the Far East, there seems a prospect that early in the new century a "Chinatown" may be found in London and the other large cities of England.

Of the standing committees of the National Council we may hear more presently; in all of these we have our representation, and there is a need of our taking up their several works with more determination in our council. May I mention two—the better protection of women and children, and the stopping of the circulation of pernicious literature. Statistics gathered by these committees must make us see the need for more careful and persevering work. We ought to be able to enlist the sympathy of every right-minded woman in Victoria to protect the weak and friendless in every possible way, and to shield the young people in our midst from the appalling tide of evil literature that flows unchecked into the homes of our land.

Before I end, may I commend to the notice of this meeting the Ladies' Magazine, which promises to be a medium of much useful information respecting the doings of the councils; and also may I urge upon all the importance of securing a copy of the verbatim report of the annual meeting of the National Council, which this year cannot fail to be of use

especially interesting, as it is the account of what took place here last July.

In conclusion, may I personally thank the officers and all with whom I have been associated in this local council, for their kindness and forbearance and help in every way. The success of any work, while it needs the individual effort of each member, depends on the strength of the union of heart and purpose; and this union and unity that has existed from the commencement of the work was never, I believe, stronger than at the present time.

While acknowledging with thankfulness what has been done in the past, may I, without being considered exacting or dissatisfied, press for a still keener interest in the many and varied branches of work that are open to us in this council. The power of the large number of women here represented, if it were really used, what good might it not accomplish, and the thought that I would leave with you is this—might not each society, while busy in its own special sphere of usefulness, interest itself a little more in the doings of the council, for I feel sure a little time devoted to the larger claims, a little more desire to know for ourselves what is going on by women in our own Dominion and in the world at large, will make our own smaller work more useful and more successful.

So with thankfulness for the past, and with hope for the future, we close our sixth year of work, and look forward in the new century to the carrying on of our work under the banner of our well-known motto: "Do unto others as ye would that men should do unto you."

Letters of congratulation and encouragement were received from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, who regretted his inability, through illness, to attend; Mrs. Baker, the former president of the council; and Lady Taylor, president of the National Council.

The annual report was then read by the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Galletley, as follows:

Madam President and Ladies:—Since our last annual meeting we have had fourteen meetings of the executive and one general meeting, which was held on February 2, for the purpose of deciding in what way we could join with others in sending needed relief to our soldiers in South Africa; it was then agreed that we would combine with the Soldiers' Wives' League and others in this city, who were working for the same purpose. The result was very satisfactory; about 800 pounds of excellent socks, belts and other comforts being sent within a few weeks.

Our efforts on behalf of the Donkhor women were not so satisfactory, only \$11 having been contributed by members of our council.

Our efforts have been successful in our efforts to establish a branch of the Red Cross Society in Victoria, which society has been enabled to send \$210 to the head office in Toronto.

On June 22, at a special meeting, we had the great pleasure of welcoming the president, when we hoped we would find it necessary to leave us again for many a long year to come. Her absence was very much felt, and our joy at seeing her again very genuine.

A considerable amount of time was spent in making arrangements for the annual meeting of the National Council of Women, the executive and delegates of which we were very happy to receive in July. The numerous meetings were enthusiastic and well attended. It was with great satisfaction that we learned that Lady Taylor, who presided at that time, with excellent patience and judgment, still remains the president of the year. It is impossible to recall this visit of our Eastern sisters without recording our gratitude for the hospitality extended to them and us by the Lieutenant-Governor, the Bishop of Columbia, Mrs. James Dunsmuir, Mrs. Henry Croft and others, and to mention the generous grant of \$200 made by the city council to us, for the entertainment of our guests, \$46 of which we have been able to return with grateful thanks.

This year has also been made memorable by another event, namely, the visit of Her Excellency Lady Minto, the hon. president of the National Council. Notwithstanding her many duties here, she found time to receive a deputation and address from our council, who will long remember that pleasant visit and her gracious manner on that occasion.

We are happy this year to be able to add the name of Mrs. Robson to our list of life members, thus making three from our own Local Council.

We have lately received twenty-four copies of the Paris Hand-book, a book which will repay all the trouble expended upon it, and which will undoubtedly be a most valuable source of reference in the future, upon all matters connected with the work of women in the Dominion. They have been distributed to those members of the council who were chosen by ballot.

It is with thankfulness that we find ourselves at this, our sixth annual meeting, looking back upon a year of work and intercourse untroubled by any serious friction, and looking forward to a new year of mutual interest and support, blessed by the approval of Him who sees into the heart and amply rewards all honest effort, however imperfectly expressed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JEANNIE G. GALLETTLEY,
Cor. Sec. L. C. W. V. & V. I.

The treasurer's report showed a satisfactory state of affairs, with a balance in hand to meet the expenses of the council.

Short reports were then read of the Friendly Help Association, the Y. W. C. A., the Home Nursing Society, the Confederation of the Lord's Tenth, and several of the societies belonging to the different churches.

Mrs. Walker spoke a few earnest words on the Y. W. C. A., of which society she has been president for the past two months.

The Rev. W. B. Allen then addressed the ladies. The meeting then adjourned at 12:30, most of those present partaking of lunch at the Victoria Cafe.

At 2 o'clock the afternoon session opened by the declaring of the result of the election of officers, for which a ballot had been cast at the morning session.

The following were elected: President, Miss Perrin; first vice-president, Mrs. Robson; second vice-president, Miss Crease; third vice-president, Mrs. McQuade; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Hayward; fifth vice-president, Miss M. Lawson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Galletley; recording secretary, Mrs. G. Grant; treasurer, Mrs. W. Grant.

The president read a short paper on the National Council, which was followed by an address from the Bishop of Columbia.

The resolutions on the agenda were considered and carried, as follows:

Proposed by the Executive:—Resolved that this executive plan on youth, then read the last session of the legislature. But whereas in Ontario the act has been found ineffective without inspection, the petition to amend the act and appoint female inspectors. Moved by Mrs. Spofford, seconded by Mrs. Crease.

Proposed by the Ladies' Aid, First Presbyterian Church:—Resolved that the Mayor and Council be petitioned to enforce the law in regard to the closing of saloons at 11 p.m. on Saturday, and not opening the same until 1 a.m. on Monday, and if the present law be impracticable, that they be asked to use their influence to have it so amended that it be enforced. Moved by Mrs. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Newblazing.

Proposed by the Women's Christian Temperance Union:—Whereas the growing desecration of the Sabbath has a demoralizing effect upon the community, and renders largely ineffective the many efforts put forth by religious and philanthropic bodies for the amendment of the law, therefore, be it resolved that the Local Council of Women petition the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of this city to enact a by-law for the closing of all stores and business shops on Sunday. Moved by Mrs. Jenkins, seconded by Mrs. Tite.

Proposed by St. Paul's Presbyterian Church:—Resolved that the necessary steps be taken to secure the enforcement of the laws prohibiting the sale of cigars to boys under age.

Proposed by the Executive:—That whereas at the request of the board of directors of the British Columbia Agricultural & Industrial Association this Local Council of Women petition the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Victoria to pass a by-law in the interests of the children of this city. Moved by Mrs. McNaughton, seconded by Mrs. Spaul.

A bright and interesting paper was contributed by Mrs. Day on "Reminiscences of the National Council Annual Meeting," and votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor, for lending the use of the city hall and other kindnesses; to the press, for their interest in the doings of the council; and to the committee, for their work in decorating the hall for the meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to the president, and she was unanimously elected a life member of the National Council.

The meeting, before separating, asked that a sincere message of sympathy and esteem be sent to Mrs. Higgins, whose interest in the work of the council in former years has been so great.

The singing of the national anthem brought to a close a most successful meeting. The officers and delegates were entertained at a reception at Bishopsclose in the evening.

The public meeting arranged for this evening in the council chamber of the city hall will no doubt be largely attended. As will be seen by the programme, all the items are of general as well as special interest. The report of the formation, in September of this year, and the progress of the Victoria branch of the Canadian Historical Society will be appreciated by many. The paper on "Individuality in Dress" will call forth much discussion, asking of questions and telling of opinions, if not a war of words. But, for the most part, no resistance will be the debate on "Arbitration vs. War." The leading gentlemen speakers will be: For, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Mr. R. E. Gossnell and Mr. J. Tait; against, Mr. C. H. Lagrin and Mr. E. O. S. Schofield. The programme is:

"The Work of the Local Council of Women of Victoria."

Paper—Report of the Victoria Branch of the Canadian Historical Society. Mrs. Wm. Angus.

Paper—Individuality in Dress" Mrs. Wm. Ward; to be read by Mrs. Day.

Debate—"Resolved that it is possible in the present state of civilization to settle international disputes by arbitration."

Discussion is invited after each paper. "God Save the Queen."

FRIENDLY HELP REPORT.

This society is now nearing the end of its sixth year of existence. Of its merits it is unnecessary to speak, as societies, like individuals, are prone to let their good qualities be known. Of its demerits, however, for what some cavilling individuals would call its demerits, we feel must speak. They may be mere rumblings, but, like earthquakes, they travel, and need refuting. We are very often (by the sterner sex, 'tis true) accused of making paupers. This charge we deny, as we never willingly help those who are abundantly able to help themselves, but of course we can be imposed on, for we are too wise to err on the safe side than to refuse where we cannot at once investigate. Then we are accused of only assisting the virtuous, and of becoming very hard-hearted as soon as we join the Friendly Help, etc., etc. These, too, we emphatically deny, and our statistics will bear us out in the denial.

During the year ending November, 1900, we have assisted about 100 families or individuals. This assistance has been given in groceries, fuel, milk, medicine, rent occasionally, and nursing in one or two instances. Fuel has been sent about 70 times; groceries, 150; milk to two or three families almost constantly during the year; and clothing has been given to almost the whole number. We assist an average of about 25 monthly. At Christmas between \$70 and \$80 was received in donations, apart from what the city donated. About 100 bundles of clothing, boots, etc., have been received, besides large quantities of meat from R. Porter & Sons and L. Goodacre. The aggregate amount expended during the year was \$701.77; received, \$780.75. Our printed report in March will give a full financial statement, as then our Friendly Help year ends.

We are now nearing Christmas again, and our poor will need their gifts. All our friends are asked for at least two new garments to give now, instead of old clothes. As we are part of the Women's Council, we appeal to all of the ladies present here.

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Leave Chemainus	11.27	5.33	
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Meetings and Amusements

Frank Daniels the Comic Opera Star to Appear This Week.

Sale of Work, Supper and Concert at Temperance Hall To-day.

The theatrical event of this week will be Frank Daniels' first appearance here in his new comic opera, "The Amceer." This is the comic opera in which he made the most pronounced hit of his career last season. It is judged a worthy successor to his former triumph "The Idol's Eye." Daniels says himself that he considers "The Amceer" quite the best he has ever had. The character of the title role, he adds, funnier than any of his predecessors, and the music which comes from Victor Herbert's fertile fancy is, in his opinion, even prettier. There are more songs in the score than is usual in comic opera and among them are several of a topical character which Frank Daniels interprets, and according to theatrical gossip, his interpretation of them, as well as of the whole character of the Amceer, is decidedly humorous. Victor Herbert is the composer of all the principal comic productions of last and this season. The score of "The Amceer," however, is the first he undertook after a long and well earned rest. In consequence, the music is fresh and vigorous. Herbert himself says that it is the very best he has composed. The book is by Frederick Ranken and Kirke La Shelle. It is described as very funny. It purports to be an exposition of the active life of an Amceer who wishes to live. His enemies are shown to be more numerous than his friends, and in order to escape their machinations he is compelled to outwork the reputed busiest man in his realm. The support of Frank Daniels this season is said to be the very best he has ever had. It is larger, and is credited with being better voiced and better looking. Among his principals are Helen Redmond, Kate Hart, Norma Kopp, Will Danforth, Owen Westford and Rhys Thomas and Wm. Corliss. The scenery is understood to be quite the most elaborate of any of the Daniels' operas and the costumes are said to be charming. The staging is under the direction of John Stapleton, who for years was Augustin Daly's stage manager.

The engagement here is for two nights, beginning Thursday. The sale of seats opens this morning at 9 o'clock at the Victoria Book & Stationery store.

This afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, the sale of work under the auspices of the Temperance lodge, No. 1, L.O.G.T., will be held in Temperance Hall. A large number of fancy and useful articles are exhibited. The hall is nicely decorated, and everything presents an Oriental appearance. In the evening from 6 to 8, the bachelors and benefactors of the lodge will serve supper, after which a concert will be given and the articles remaining unsold will be disposed of.

On Friday evening next the Fourth Victoria Company, of Boy's Brigade, which is connected with First Presbyterian church, will give an entertainment, consisting of songs, recitations, instrumental selections and drills, by the following ladies and gentlemen: Misses McKenzie, Vigilius and Field; Messrs. Semple, McKenzie, Kinnaird, Huxtable, Brown and Munro, and, through the kindness of Mr. H. Kent, of M. W. Watt & Co., a special attraction has been secured. The largest photograph in the store will be operated by Mr. Huxtable. It is said that if operated in the Dell hall, everybody within the hall could hear it. It is the largest and best on the Pacific Coast.

The ladies of St. John's Guild intend holding a sale of work in the schoolroom on Wednesday evening.

The annual meeting of the Home Nursing Society will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Y.W.C.A. rooms. All friends of the society are cordially invited.

LADIES' CHORAL SOCIETY.

Give a Very Successful Concert at the Philharmonic Hall.

The inaugural concert of the Ladies' Choral Society at the Philharmonic hall last night was a distinct success. The society is a welcome addition to Victoria's musical organizations.

The programme commenced with a tenor solo by Mr. A. T. Goward, who sang in splendid voice. Mrs. Pemberton sang that pretty composition of Mr. W. H. Barton's, "There, Little Girl, Don't Cry," charmingly. Dr. Nash, who has been unheard for some time, next contributed, and Miss Hartnagel sang a dainty waltz song. She was cheered, and deservedly, and sang a marmalade from

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Hamilton's lecture is "With the Canadians From Quebec to Pretoria," and it is pronounced by the Eastern press to be most interesting. He will reach the Coast in February, and Mr. Suckling is endeavoring to arrange so that Victoria will be included in the tour.

Salt Spring Coal.—When the Salt Spring Syndicate became merged in the Mines Development Company, last October, boring for coal on Salt Spring Island, which had been going on nearly all summer, was discontinued. But it is to commence again at once. John Hamilton, who was in the employ of the New Vancouver Coal Company for sixteen years, the service of which he entered when E. P. McKay, now of the provincial public works department, had charge of the drilling operations, has been secured by the company. For the last four years Mr. Hamilton has been in the employ of the New Vancouver Coal Company only in the winter months, managing his own affairs the rest of the year. Last Tuesday he returned from Omineca, where he had been prospecting all summer. Mr. Hamilton has also done a lot of work for the Home-Payne Syndicate in the Kootenays.

HAPPENINGS ON THE TRAIL

Stampedes From Tanana Victims of a Blizzard—Murder at Hootalinqua.

News was brought by the steamer Danube, which arrived yesterday afternoon, of more winter tragedies on the Northern trails. The Amur brought word of miners having been frozen and partially eaten by wolves, and the Danube brings Dawson dispatches to December 1, giving more news of death on the trail. The latest victims of the stampedes in search for gold at the rainbow's tip are Harry Gabe and another Dawson miner, who left the Klondike capital but a short time ago to join the rush to the recently found diggings in the Tanana country. The two miners were found frozen to death on the trail between Circle City and Tanana. The news comes in dispatches from Dawson, under date of November 30, the news having been brought there on the day previous.

The dead bodies of the two unfortunate were found by other stampedees, who were hurrying in to the Tanana. They were lifted from their winding sheet of snow and ice and skidded to Circle City by the Indians, where they were given burial. Gabe and his partner were among the van guard of the winter rush to the new district in the North, and were evidently overtaken by the heavy blizzard which had raged shortly before the discovery of their dead bodies.

News is given from Hootalinqua that George St. Cyr, who shot and killed his friend Davies there, has been taken to Dawson by the N. W. M. P. for trial. He was given a preliminary trial at Hootalinqua and committed for trial. The coroner's jury, which sat at Hootalinqua, in their verdict, found that Davies had been murdered by St. Cyr. The prisoner claims that the deed was committed in self-defence. He surrendered to the police soon after the killing.

A dispatch received at Skagway on December 3, says that at the preliminary hearing at Dawson that day, of George O'Brien, the accused of last winter's mail murders, a dazzling confession was introduced in evidence. The alleged confession was testified to by George Scott, who was in jail with O'Brien. Scott swore that he talked with O'Brien about the Clayton murder just after the body arrived at Dawson, and at another time, some days afterwards, in the course of which he asked O'Brien if he had made any significant admissions.

Scott testified that O'Brien asked him when the body arrived, "Did they find the body?" He answered that they did, and O'Brien asked: "Did they find the bullet mark on it?"

At the next conversation, Scott says, O'Brien asked him: "Did anyone see me away?" He answered: "No." Then O'Brien said: "That's the way to be. You bet. I fixed it so no one could give me away."

O'Brien denies emphatically the story told by Scott.

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LOUIS VEGELIUS DEAD.

Passed Away at Los Angeles, Where He Went in Search of Health.

Louis Vegelius, the well known Victoria capitalist, died yesterday morning at Los Angeles, Cal., where he had gone in search of health. The deceased was a native of Bavaria, where he was born 42 years ago. He emigrated to the United States in boyhood and came to Victoria in 1862, establishing here a barber shop, which is still carried on by his brother, A. Vegelius. By close attention to business, he made quite a fortune, which he invested in realty in Victoria and vicinity, being one of the larger holders of property. Mr. Vegelius held the confidence of the people of Victoria to a marked degree, being elected on ten different occasions as a member of the aldermanic board for Centre and North wards. He took a great interest in the affairs of the city, from necessity of health for a number of years. For a while he resided on his farm at Metchesin, in the hope of benefiting it, but this failing, he has been spending the last few winters in California. He went south this year in August last. The cause of death was bronchitis and asthma.

A widow, who was with him at the time of his death, three brothers in Victoria and two brothers and a sister in Portland survive him. It is expected that the remains will be brought here for interment.

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The business of the late E. Lines will be continued by Mrs. E. Lines. See notice in Business Directory.

Stoddart's Jewellery Store, 63 Yates street, one door from Broad street, offers Waltham and Elgin Watches at lower prices than can be obtained either in Toronto, Seattle or San Francisco. Particulars in advertising columns.

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Turkeys for Christmas dinner—something toothsome and nice, at the Saunders' Grocery Company. See advertisement.

David McNeill and Thomas Tait, of Montreal, and Harry Abbott and George McLe, Brown, of Vancouver, will apply to parliament for an act to incorporate a company to be called The Kootenay & Arrowhead Ry. Co., with power to build a line of railway from Arrowhead to a point at the north end of Kootenay lake.

To mothers, sweethearts and wives, Allan's Pat-Form Company offers something special in the way of suitable gifts for the genus homo.

The city pound-keeper gives notice that he will sell "one dark brown mare, white spot on forehead; also one white horse," on Wednesday, the 19th, at the city pound.

A. S. Going, as agents for the Mount Sicker and British Columbia Development Co., Ltd., advertises that he will, sixty days after date, apply for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant to the Union mining claim, situated in Alberni mining division, in Barriere district.

The second letter from Santa Claus to The Westside announces many wonderful and beautiful surprises for patrons of Messrs. Hutchison & Co. The full text of this interesting missive appears on page 5.

Two pairs of lace curtains, in a parcel, were found on the Esquimalt road, Saturday evening. A reward is offered for their return. See advertisement.

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Among the old-established financial institutions of Canada none stands higher than The Mutual Life Assurance of Canada, formerly The Ontario Mutual Life. Some particulars given in notice elsewhere in this issue.

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ADMIRAL BICKFORD.

He Has Passed Winnipeg on His Way to the Pacific Coast.

Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—(Special)—Rear-Admiral Sir Andrew Kennedy Bickford, C. M. G., was a passenger on the train for the West yesterday. He is going out to take command of the Pacific station, relieving Rear-Admiral Beaumont.

Lantern Service.—Eugene Stagers travelling financial service of the Salvation Army, will conduct a very interesting lantern service at the Army hall, 42 Yates street, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

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TOP LINERS.

Victoria Dogs Wins Two Principal Prizes at Oakland Show.

At the bench show recently held at Oakland, Cal., T. P. McConnell's English settled bitch won first prize in both the novice and open classes, and H. L. O'Brien's English setter, Victor L., won first in the open class for dogs. Thus Victoria contributed the two best English setters in the show.

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American Tobacco	107
American Sugar	125
Amalgamated Mining Co.	17 1/2
A. T. & S. F.	38 1/2
A. T. & S. F. pfd.	83
American Steel & Wire	43 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	79 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	71 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	37 1/2
C. B. & Q.	15 1/2
Chicago Gas	28 1/2
C. R. I. & P.	11 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	12 1/2
Continental Tobacco	34
Consolidated Gas, N. Y.	12 1/2
Consolidated Gas, N. Y.	18 1/2
Colorado Fuel & Iron	52
C. C. & St. L.	10 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande	50 1/2
Federal Steel	52 1/2
Federal Steel pfd.	77
General Electric	17 1/2
Illinois Central	12 1/2
Illinois Central	14 1/2
Kansas & Texas	38 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	10 1/2
Manhattan Elevator	10 1/2
Missouri Pacific	59 1/2
Metropolitan Traction	10 1/2
National Lead	18 1/2
Norfolk & Western	70
Northern Pacific	82 1/2
New York Central & Hudson	141 1/2
New York Lake Erie & Western	10 1/2
N. Y. E. & W. and N. Y. E. & W. pfd.	40 1/2
N. Y. E. & W. 1st pfd.	25 1/2
New York Ontario & Western	43 1/2
Pacific Mail	43 1/2
Philadelphia & Reading	20 1/2
Pullman	20 1/2
Southern Railway	17 1/2
Southern Railway pfd.	66 1/2
Texas Pacific	20 1/2
U. S. Leather	14
U. S. Rubber	75
U. S. Rubber pfd.	25 1/2
Union Pacific	71
Union Pacific pfd.	81 1/2
Wabash	10 1/2
Wabash pfd.	11 1/2
C. P. R. in London	88 1/2
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CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 Dec. 69 1/2; Jan. 70 1/2; Mar. 71. Corn—No. 2 Dec. 30 1/2; Jan. 31 1/2; May 32. Oats—No. 2 Dec. 21 1/2; May 23 1/2.

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